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Examiner: Deborah K. Ware  
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER RULE 116

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Official Action of December 29, 2005.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended during a telephone interview on February 9, 2006. The participants in the interview included the undersigned, the Examiner, and the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. David M. Naff. The following summarizes the content of the interview.

During the interview, the undersigned explained that the key issue in this case concerns the Examiner's statement on page 4 of the Official Action, in the third sentence of the "Response to Arguments". The cited portion says that "the reference clearly states that a pump is for discharge and not injection, see page 2, line 36."

The undersigned explained that above-quoted assertion of the Examiner is erroneous. In fact, the reference teaches the opposite of what the Examiner says.